



# Palm Beach Coin News

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## February 2019 Events

### February 3

*Gold Coast Coin, Stamp & Collectible Show*  
Hollywood Rotary Club, 2349 Taylor St, Hollywood

### February 10

*Coin, Stamp and Collectible Show*  
Eau Gallie Civic Center, Melbourne

### February 13

**PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM**  
**Meeting Begins at 7:00PM**

### February 17

*Coin and Stamp Show*  
Volunteer Park Community Center, Plantation

### February 24

**PBCC Coin Show**  
American Polish Club,  
4725 Lake Worth Rd., Greenacres

### February 27

**PBCC Meeting: Doors open at 5:00PM**  
**Meeting begins at 7:00PM**

**"Tips to Succeed and Not Overpay  
at Online Auctions"**

By Steve Feiertag

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## Presidents Message

Our Christmas party had 105 members and guests attend. The "Club Member of the Year" was **Eric Ovaska**. His brother John accepted the plaque. We had 17 platters of meat and shrimp along with a wide assortment of side dishes and desserts. The *White Elephant Sale* brought in \$628 (new record) and paid for the platters. Thanks to all who brought food and White Elephant items.

A report on the *FUN Show* is inside as well as the Club's "2018 - The Year in Review". 46 club members took the bus to the *FUN Show*. Thanks to FUN once again for subsidizing \$1000 for our bus.

The Club Essay Scholarship Committee is awarding an *ANA Summer Seminar* scholarship to YN **Brandon Ostfeld** and adult **Juan Riera**. Both will have one week in Colorado Springs, CO all expenses paid. Thanks to all who entered the essay contest. Please enter again. The essay should be on why you want to go to the *Summer Seminar* and how it will benefit you and your club. Regular attendees and volunteers are given preference. The deadline is December 31st, 2019.

At the Wednesday, February 27th meeting, **Steve Feiertag** will have a program on "Tips to Succeed and Not Overpay at Online Auctions".

Dues for 2019 are due. They are \$15 a year or a Life Membership is \$150. Check your membership card. If it says "Good Thru 12/18", you owe dues. If it says "Good Thru 12/19", you are current.

Tony

### 2019 Membership Dues are Due!

Only \$15 per Year

\$150 for a Lifetime

**No Dues, No Newsletter!**

## 2018 - The Year in Review

By Tony Swicer

2018 was the year of the "Estate Auction". We had twelve auctions in eleven months in 2018. The club made approximately \$5000 on these auctions. This enabled us to send **Kelley McDougall** and **Matthew Tavory** to the *ANA Summer Seminar* in Colorado Springs in June, all expenses paid (\$3636). We also donated \$500 to both the ANA and ICTA Anti-Counterfeit Task Force in October. In addition, we once again gave 24 *Red Books* to the Palm Beach County Library System and we support LC Swain Middle School Coin Club Program.

I wanted to thank **Bruce Ollis** who is our webmaster for the great job on keeping up the club website, <http://pbcc.anaclubs.org/>, all year long. If you have not seen the site, take a look. Thanks Bruce.

We ended the year with 332 paid club members. That was down 14 members from 2017.

In January, the *FUN Show* was in Tampa, so we did not have a bus trip but several club members gave us a report on the show. Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> we had a huge numismatic book sale. On the 24<sup>th</sup> we had Estate Auction #33, U.S. Tokens & Medals.

In February, Estate Auction #32-1 & 32-2 were US coins realizing over \$15,000.

In March, the club became a 501c3 non-profit corporation, designated a charity. Club member and CPA **Chuck Heck** did the paperwork for the club. Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup>, Tony gave a program on "20 Things to Avoid to Make Your Collecting Experience More Enjoyable". March 28<sup>th</sup> was Estate Auction #33-2. This was bulk lots of World coins.

In April was Special Auction #4, a slab coin auction. The 2019 *Red Books* came in. They were available at cost to club members. The 9<sup>th</sup> was a report on the *Central States Show* in Schaumburg, IL. We worked a deal with *Coin World* for club members to subscribe for one year at a discount. We also received 50 *Coin Worlds* at every monthly show beginning in May 2018 through all of 2019.

In May was our club picnic at John Prince Park, Saturday the 12<sup>th</sup>. 64 attended. May 9<sup>th</sup> was Estate Auction #34. Tony talked about his trip to the *Central States Show* in Schaumburg, IL. On the 23<sup>rd</sup>, guest speaker **Abby Zechman** spoke on "How to Get & Keep Kids interested in the Hobby". We worked a deal with the *Grey Sheet* to subscribe for a year at a 25% discount for any club member.

In June, Estate Auction #33-3 grossed over \$25,000. It was 87 binders of World coins.

In July was *Summer FUN*. The club bus trip to *Summer FUN* was Friday the 12<sup>th</sup>. 45 went on the bus. Estate Auction #33-4 was Wednesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> grossing over \$20,000. It was 54 binders of World coins.

In August, **Sandy Pearl** and I reported on the ANA in Philadelphia. Estate Auction #35 was Wednesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>. This was hundreds of Proof & Mint Sets starting at \$2 each.

In September the 2019 club calendars came in. Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> was *Free Food Night* with pizza, calzone, Stromboli, subs, and desserts. 75 attended. Wednesday the 26<sup>th</sup> was Estate Auction #33-5, realizing \$6410. This was hundreds of Proof & Mint Sets starting at \$2 each.

In October, Slab Auction #5 was on the 10<sup>th</sup>. It was the most successful slab auction to date grossing \$22,504. **Carole Marshall** is starting a social column in the club newsletter. Her email is [marshallg@aol.com](mailto:marshallg@aol.com). We had a Board meeting on the 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss the state of the club, 2019 budget, and any other club topics. On Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup>, **Richard Spencer** gave a program on "A Complete Set of Proof Franklin Halves in PCGS "Rattler" Holders".

In November was our nomination of Officers & Board, and the Election. Estate Auction #36 was November 14<sup>th</sup>. The election was as follows: President- **Tony Swicer**, VP- **Richard Spencer**, Secretary- **Alan Liemer**, Treasurer- **Robert Spence**. Board members elected were: **Tony Acevedo**, **Rick Carver**, **Jack Diaz**, **Bruce Eleshewich**, **Buddy Hirsh**, **George Kovacic**, **Carole Marshall**, **Kelley McDougall**, **Ed Napoli**, **Sandy Pearl**, **John Pellegrino**, and **Ed Polyanchek**. Director of YN's- **Dan Pecoraro**, Newsletter Editor- **Rick Carver**. **Richard Spencer** gave a short talk on "How to Tell the Difference between a Type 1 & Type 2 1956 Proof Franklin Half Dollar".

In December was our *Awards Night*, *Pot Luck Dinner*, and the *White Elephant Sale*.

**Eric Ovaska** was voted "Club Member of the Year" and his brother John received a plaque for him. 105 attended. The *White Elephant* sale brought in \$628 and the raffle did \$190.

I want to thank *Rechant Precious Metals* for their donations of supplies all year long. Also, thanks to Twery's for donating 20, 1955-S Lincoln Cents NGC MS-66. And thanks to the club members who have donated materials throughout the year.

Our monthly coin show continues to do very well, with other shows having problems. We attribute our success to consistent advertising in the largest paper in the county, the

*Palm Beach Post*. We run five ads every show. All advertising is booked with *Numismatic News*, *Coin World*, the *Numismatist*, *FUN Topics*, *Condo News*, and online, in the November before the next year and paid for in advance.

Tony

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## 64<sup>th</sup> Annual FUN Show January 10-13, 2019 Orlando, FL

The *FUN Show* opened to the public at 10 AM Thursday morning with over 600 attendees waiting to get in. At the opening ceremonies Bob Hurst, Tony Swicer, and Cindy Wibker received the FUN Presidents Award from President Randy Campbell.

Total attendance was estimated at 9500, with 606 dealer booths occupying 904 tables to public access. Dealer registration had 672 photo ID's for those dealers who did not have last year's ID. 215 Early Bird badges were sold for those who wanted to get in the show early.

The theme this year was "*Cities of FUN*" by general chairman Bob Russell. We had Abe Lincoln (Dennis Boggs), The U.S. Mint, Ray Dillard (Elongated Cents), Piedmont Gold Panners, Coins and Kids Booth, Hobo Nickel Carvers, and Treasure Trivia Contest for kids run by Sam Gelbard of the ANA. The ANA, Coin Dealer Newsletter, Coin World, Coin News, Numismatic News all had tables with free magazines. PCGS, PCGS Currency, NGC, PMG Currency, ANACS, and ICG grading services were there. There was a "Club" section, "Ancient & Foreign" section, "Budget" section, and "Exhibit" section.

There were 17 free educational seminars over a four-day period with strong attendance.

Bob Julian won the newly named "Jim & Carrie Best Literary Award" for the best article in *FUN Topics*. The Polly Abbott Service Award went to Gary Braisted. Three Young Numismatists scholarships were given out.

The Heritage Auction did \$53 million sales in five days. An 1885 PR-66 Trade Dollar sold for \$3,960,000. A 1793 Chain Cent MS-64+ BN sold for \$1.5 million, and the 1943 Copper Cent AU-53 sold for \$204,000. Many lots went over \$100,000.

There were 36 exhibits from 14 different states. Jim Zylstra won "Best of Show" for "Primitive Money from the Democratic Republic of Congo". The People's Choice Award went to Kin Carmody for "Cinderella Coin - The Rarest US Circulation Strike" 1838-O half dollar. The Coins and Kids booth had 278 YN's. The YN program on

Saturday had 66 kids and the Scout program had 63, both run by Tony Bonaro.

Past FUN President Bill Calderazzo received a FUN Presidential Award for sponsoring the YN scholarships to the ANA for many years to come. Jim & Carrie Best both received the FUN Presidential Award at the FUN Board & Volunteers Dinner.

The Numismatic Ambassador Breakfast had 48 in attendance. New Ambassadors are Tony Bonaro of Jacksonville, FL, Mike Ellis of Camilla, GA, Rod Gillis of Colorado Springs, CO, Brett Irick of Dearborn, MI, and David Lisot of Richardson, TX. David Harper, Editor of Numismatic News, was the Master of Ceremonies.

The FUN Club Get Together had 42 club members representing 22 clubs, including Kim Kiick, executive director of the ANA, Don Kagin, ANA VP, and David Harper, Editor of Numismatic News. The FUN Club Bus program had five buses come to the show. Ocala coin club had 51 on their bus, Palm Beach had 46, Greater Jacksonville had 43, and both Sarasota and West Hernando clubs had 39 on their buses.

Doug Davis of Numismatic Crime Information Center gave a presentation to show dealers on Friday morning on the bourse floor before opening to the public. The ANA hosted a by-invitation-only symposium on the Future of Numismatics on Tuesday with five guest speakers in the industry. The ANA also had two grading courses on Tuesday and Wednesday, "Fundamentals of Grading U.S. Coins" and "Advanced Paper Money Grading". There was an ANA District Representative meeting Saturday morning. Several specialty clubs had meetings at the show.

The FUN General meeting was Sunday morning at 9AM.

The FUN election was as follows: President- Bob Hurst, VP- Tony Swicer, Secretary- Cindy Wibker, Treasurer- Tony Bonaro. Newly elected Board members are Ed Abbott, Randy Campbell, Nancy Casey, Jay Chamberlain, Bernie Ososky, and Mark Trout.

We now look forward to Summer FUN July 11-13, 2019 in Orlando.

Tony Swicer  
FUN VP & Club Liaison

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Dues are \$15 for the year

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